

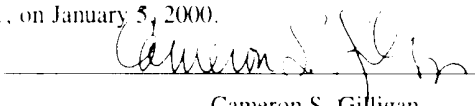


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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 5, 1999, please amend the subject application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Before the first line of the specification, please insert the following continuing data information:

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